

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6-15 are pending. Claim 1 is amended. Claim 5 is canceled by the present amendment. Support for amended claim 1 is found in at least previously presented claim 5. Accordingly, no new subject matter is added.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the helpful personal interview of February 3, 2010. During the interview the Examiner indicated that the recitation in claim 1 of the ratio of ferrous iron to total iron recited in claim 5 would place the application in better condition to overcome the cited references. In order to advance prosecution, and without conceding that such an amendment is required to overcome the cited references, Applicants have now amended claim 1 to include the features from claim 5.

Accordingly, for the reasons discussed during the personal interview and in the response submitted February 1, 2010, Applicants submit that the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-4 and 6-15 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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